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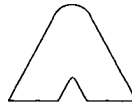
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**NEW COMBAT VEHICLE
BEOGRAD TANK BARRACKS 024, YUGOSLAVIA**

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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** YUGOSLAVIA'S INDIGENOUS M-980 MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLE (MICV) IS NOW DEPLOYED.
2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** FOUR M-980 MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLES ARE ON THE TANK MINIATURE RANGE AT BEOGRAD BARRACKS 024 WHICH HOUSES A TANK REGIMENT SUBORDINATE TO THE 4TH TITO GUARDS INFANTRY DIVISION. THIS IS THE FIRST OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT (PROBABLY FOR TROOP EVALUATION) OF THIS VEHICLE WITH YUGOSLAVIAN GROUND FORCES. THE M-980 MAY BE ASSIGNED A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION WITHIN THE TANK REGIMENT.

(S/D) THE M-980 IS A YUGOSLAVIAN DEVELOPED AND PRODUCED TRACKED VEHICLE WHICH HAS DESIGN FEATURES SIMILAR TO THE SOVIET BMP ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER BUT IS BASED ON THE FRENCH AMX-10P MICV. IT IS ARMED WITH A 20MM CANNON MANUFACTURED UNDER LICENSE FROM SWITZERLAND. THE ENGINE IS PROBABLY OF WESTERN DESIGN. THE M-980 WAS OBSERVED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC DURING A PARADE IN BELGRADE IN MAY 1975. THE LONG DELAY BETWEEN FIRST SIGHTING AND FIRST DEPLOYMENT MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING AN ENGINE SOURCE.

(S/D) BEOGRAD 024 IS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CITY OF BELGRADE, APPROXIMATELY 40 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE YUGOSLAVIA-ROMANIA BORDER.

3. COORDINATES 44-45-50N 020-27-52E

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